



News Release

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Who: Maryland Army National Guard is conducting a welcome home celebration for the 1229th Transportation Company.

What: 163 citizen-soldiers were deployed to Iraq for one year where they supported Operation Iraqi Freedom. They will be receiving individual and unit awards during the ceremony.

Where: The Maryland Army National Guard Armory in Crisfield
MG (MD) Maurice D. Tawes Armory
8 Main Street
Crisfield, MD 21817

When: October 23, 2004
11:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Why: The mission of this unit was to transport food, ammunition and supplies from three locations, in Kuwait, southern Iraq and just north of Baghdad in Tikrit. They supported the Multinational Division that included soldiers from Poland, South Korea and Spain. They performed security escort missions and transported over 600 million dollars of Iraqi currency and delivered it to over fifty banks. The 1229th was involved in humanitarian missions that included the delivery of food to local communities severely repressed by the former regime, and medical supplies to hospitals that were lacking much needed support. The citizen-soldiers of the Maryland Army National Guard drove more than 1.4 million mission miles.

Visuals: The media is welcome to film and interview the citizen-soldiers.